

ing rapidly in the region about the city of Mainz and the territory is threatened by floods.

Petrograd.—On a 200-mile battle front leading along the Carpathians and to a point near the Rumanian border the Russians are now everywhere on the offensive, according to a semi-official statement given out here today.

The Germans have brought up more reinforcements, both to the defense of Uszok pass and in the broad valley of the Stryz, protecting the Vereczke pass. In the Uszok the fresh troops of the enemy have been sent to the front in an effort at an offensive movement. Their attacks have been beaten off.

Rome.—The government announced today that hereafter all persons responsible for organizing war demonstrations will be placed under arrest and dealt with severely as violators of Italian neutrality.

Announcement followed clashes in Rome, Milan, Naples and other Italian cities yesterday.

Paris.—The French offensive in the region between the Meuse and Moselle has been halted temporarily. Pending a redistribution of French forces on the arrival of more reinforcements there has been a complete lull in activities along the northern side of the German wedge.

Newport News, Va.—The 61 British prisoners of the Kronprinz Wilhelm transferred this afternoon to the British horse ship, Cassandra, leaving tonight for Avonmouth, Scotland.

Newport News, Va.—Navy yard board of survey began today examination of converted German cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm to determine whether her commander's claim that she needs repairs are well founded. Expected they will report her in even worse condition than her sister raider, Prinz Eitel Friedrich, now interned at Norfolk.

Commander Thierfeldt of the Kronprinz was believed certain to follow

example of the Eitel's commander and, if granted time, make repairs, although there is not a doubt that he was ordered here to save his vessel. If he can delay announcement to that effect for 30 days, however, he will be able to keep Anglo-French squadron hanging about capes instead of watching other coast points for German shipping.

Berlin.—New French attempt to crush German wedge between Meuse and Moselle has been defeated with enormous losses. French losses in last week's fighting in this region variously estimated between 15,000 and 40,000.

—o—o— LETTER TO TRADE UNIONS FROM ILL. FEDERATION OF LABOR

The Illinois Federation of Labor has sent the following to all trade unions in the state: "Persistent rumors are afloat that, in response to the demands of employers' organizations which met at Springfield recently, there is a scheme on foot to suddenly adjourn the legislature after the appropriation bills and one or two other measures are passed. Every union man in Illinois should write to the senators and representatives of his district, insisting in the most emphatic manner that the various labor measures now pending be given consideration before the matter of adjournment is even considered. Friends of labor believe the present situation is extremely dangerous. The unions of the state should be prepared for action. The situation is so grave that it may be necessary for the Illinois Federation of Labor to call a special convention."

—o—o— HE SHOULD JOIN CIRCUS

New York.—Joseph Black, with a few drinks in him, felt he needed exercise. Park policeman found he had uprooted thirty trees.

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Prof. Wm. I. Hull, Swarthmore, will speak on "Adequate Armaments" at City club Tuesday eve.